IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a current listing of claims and will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a succession of electronic documents into a document management system, wherein each of the succession of electronic documents is received at a corresponding point in time; and

for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents:

generating a unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier corresponding to the point in time at which the electronic document was received; and

storing the electronic document in a ~~time-addressable~~ storage system at a ~~corresponding~~ storage location ~~having an address~~ corresponding to the unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier for the electronic document~~;~~

wherein the electronic document is retrievable from the storage system using its unique time-based identifier.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein said receiving includes receiving a first electronic document at a first point in time corresponding to a first date and a first time of day within the first date, wherein the unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier of the first electronic document corresponds to the first date and the first time of day.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the first point in time corresponds to a time when the first electronic document was created by imaging a physical document.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the first time of day is specified by at least an hour value, a minutes value, and a seconds value.

28.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said receiving includes:

receiving imaged electronic documents; and/or

receiving computer generated electronic documents.

29.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the imaged electronic documents include electronic documents that were created by imaging <u>corresponding</u> physical documents<u>, wherein each corresponding physical document is marked with the corresponding unique time-based identifier after said imaging</u>.

30.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the computer generated electronic documents include electronic documents received from one or more of the following sources: word processing programs, graphics programs, e-mail, facsimile transmissions.

31-32. (Canceled)

33.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

accessing a first electronic document stored in the ~~time-addressable~~ storage system using a first unique time-based identifier, wherein the first unique time-based identifier corresponds to a first point in time when the first electronic document was received into the document management system.

34.   (Canceled)

35.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

generating a record for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, wherein each record includes a plurality of attributes for the corresponding electronic document.

36.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, updating one or more tables in a database to include references to the corresponding generated record.

37.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein each of the tables is searchable using one or more attributes.

38-40. (Canceled)

41.   (Currently Amended) A document management system comprising:

an input unit configured to receive a succession of electronic documents, wherein each of the succession of electronic documents is received at a corresponding point in time;

a ~~time-addressable~~ storage subsystem configured to store the succession of electronic documents using corresponding unique time-based ~~addresses~~ identifiers;

a computer system configured, for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, to generate a unique time-based ~~addresses~~ identifier corresponding to the point in time at which the electronic document was received into the document management system, and to use the unique time-based ~~addresses~~ identifier to store the electronic document in the ~~time-addressable~~ storage subsystem;

wherein the succession of electronic documents is retrievable from the storage system using corresponding unique time-based identifiers.

42.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 41, wherein the input unit is configured to receive a first electronic document at a first point in time corresponding to a first date and a first time of day within the first date, wherein the computer system is configured to generate a unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier for the first electronic document that corresponds to the first date and the first time of day.

43.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 42, wherein the first time of day is specified by at least an hour value, a minutes value, and a seconds value.

44.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the first electronic document originated from a first physical document converted into the first electronic document.

45.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the first electronic document originated from an electronic document provided as input to the document management system.

46-47. (Canceled)

48.   (Currently Amended) A document management system, comprising:

first means for receiving a succession of electronic documents into a document management system, wherein each of the succession of electronic documents is received at a corresponding point in time;

second means for generating a unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, wherein the time-based ~~address~~ identifier for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents corresponds to a point in time at which the corresponding electronic document was received; and

third means for storing each of at least a subset of the received ~~succession of~~ electronic documents using the corresponding time-based ~~address~~ identifier;

wherein one or more of the stored electronic documents are retrievable using their corresponding time-based identifiers.

49.   (Currently Amended) The document management system of claim 48, wherein a unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier for a given one of the succession of electronic documents corresponds to a date and a time of day within that date that the given electronic document was received into the document management system.

50.   (Previously Presented) The document management system of claim 48, wherein the succession of electronic documents includes one or more documents, each of which is converted from a corresponding first physical document.

51.   (Previously Presented) The document management system of claim 48, wherein the succession of electronic documents includes one or more documents, each of which corresponds to an electronic document provided as input to the document management system.

52.   (Currently Amended) The document management system of claim 48, further comprising:

fourth means for generating a record for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents;[[,]]

wherein each record includes a plurality of attributes for the corresponding electronic document.

53.   (Previously Presented) The document management system of claim 52, further comprising:

fifth means for updating, for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, one or more tables in a database to include references to the corresponding generated record.

54.   (Previously Presented) The document management system of claim 53, wherein each of the tables is searchable using one or more attributes.

55.   (Canceled)

56.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable memory medium storing program instructions that are computer executable, ~~for each of a succession of electronic documents received into a document management systems at a corresponding point in time,~~ to:

receive a succession of electronic documents into a document management system, wherein each of the succession of electronic documents is received at a corresponding point in time;

generate a unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, wherein each unique time-based identifier correspond~~sing~~ to the point in time at which the corresponding electronic document was received; and

store each of at least a subset of the electronic document~~s~~ in a ~~time-addressable~~ storage system at a corresponding storage location ~~having an address~~ corresponding to the unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier for ~~the~~ that electronic document;

wherein each of at least a subset of the stored electronic documents is retrievable from the storage system using its corresponding unique time-based identifier.

57.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable memory medium of claim 56, wherein a unique time-based ~~address~~ identifier for a first electronic document corresponds to a first-date

and a first time of day at which the first electronic document was received into the document management system.

58.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable memory medium of claim 57, wherein the first electronic document corresponds to a first physical document converted into the first electronic document.

59.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable memory medium of claim 57, wherein the first electronic document originated from an electronic document provided as input to the document management system.

60.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable memory medium of claim 57, wherein the first time of day is specified at least by an hour value, a minutes value, and a seconds value.

61.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable memory medium of claim 57, wherein the program instructions are further executable to:

        generate a record for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, wherein each record includes a plurality of attributes for the corresponding electronic document.

62.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable memory medium of claim 61, wherein the program instructions are further executable to:

        for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, update one or more tables in a database to include references to the corresponding generated record.

63.   (Previously Presented) The computer readable memory medium of claim 62, wherein each of the tables is searchable using one or more attributes.

64.   (Canceled)